THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) In July 2006, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) published" Elementary Education in India: Where Do we Stand: Analytical Report" Which is based upon the District Information System for Education (DISE) 2004-05 data. The Report, which covers 581 districts of 29 States & Union Territories, indicates the average number of teachers in Government schools during 2003, 2004 & 2005 is 3.24, 3.43 & 3.47 respectively. The percentage of schools without a teacher is higher in urban areas (2.64%) than in rural areas (1.49%)

(c) and (d) The NIEPA Report consists only of data and an analysis of the same.

Women education centers in Uttaranchal

2467 SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of women education centers set up in Uttaranchal by Government for illiterate women specially in hilly and backward areas;

(b) the number of women benefited there from during the last three years, year-wise and sector-wise;

(c) whether these centers have succeeded in educating and creating awareness among women;

(d) whether Government are contemplating to increase the number of such centers in the State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Under the literacy programmes of National Literacy Mission which aim to cover all the illiterate persons, both men and women in 15-35 age group, a campaign based approach is being used. Agroup of then illiterate persons is attached to one volunteer teacher for teaching learning process. Any place convenient to learners and volunteer teacher is used for literacy classes. In Uttaranchal, so far 3,88,099 illiterate women have been made literate through literacy campaigns. Apart from being provided reading,

writing and numeric skills, learners are made aware of the national values and causes of their deprivation.

However, under the Programme of Mahila Samakhya, three Mahila Shikshan Kendras have been set up during 2005-06 to provide condensed courses and to create a cadre of educated and aware women in backward regions. 73 women have been benefited during 2005-06 through these Mahila Shikshan Kendras in Uttaranchal.

(d) and (e) One Mahila Shikshan Kendra has been sanctioned in Tehri Grahwal in Uttaranchal during 2006-07.

Funds from international institutions

2468. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any funds have been received from international institutions for academic year 2007-08;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of funds received during the last five years alongwith their utilization?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Innovative way raising funds

2469. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRASEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are urging the universities to raise funds and utilize them in an innovating way;

(b) if so, the funds granted by Government to each university during the last two years; and